19. Parishads may be formed at State and Central levels to coordinate the activities of Panchayati Raj Institutions.

20. The panchayats should be involved in the implementation of all programmes funded by various Central Ministries.

Sale of shares of PSUs

1749. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of shares of Public Sector Undertakings sold after the first round of disinvestment of PSU shares was started in October, 1995;

(b) the names of PSUs whose shares were sold in large numbers;

(c) whether the response has been encouraging and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DR. C. SILVERA): (a) to (d). In the first round of disinvestment for 1995-96, 27.16 crore shares in four PSUs were offered for sale. Based on the competitive bidding and keeping in view the reserve price, 1.53 crore shares are estimated to be sold. The largest number of share were sold in Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Ltd. Responses depend on the market conditions and the perceptions of the bidders about particular scrips.

Medical Colleges in NE States

1750. SHRI N. GIRI PRASAD: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) names of Medical Colleges in North-Eastern States, State-wise alongwith respective dates of their opening;

(b) whether any Council Body has, in the recent past, recommended derecognition of the Medical College at Dibrugarh, if so, the details thereof and the reaction of Government thereto;

(c) the amounts of grants released by Central Government and Assam Government to Dibrugarh Medical College (DMC) during last decade, year-wise; and

(d) the details of sanctioned strength of staff and actual positioned strength at DMC, designation-wise?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A.R. ANTULAY): (a) The names of medical colleges in North Eastern States and year of inception of each of the colleges is given in the enclosed statement, (see below)

(b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) Information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.

Statement

Names of the Medical Colleges alongwith the names of the states where they are located and the year of their inception

	Name of State		Name of Medical Colleges	Year of Inception
1.	ASSAM	(a)	Gauhati Medical College, Gauhati	1960
		(b)	Silchar Medical College, Silchar	1968
		(c)	Assam Medical College, Dibrugarh	1947
2.	MANIPUR	(a)	Regional Institute of Medical Sciences, Imphal.	1972